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SUBJECT: FOOD RELIEF AIRLIFT

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ROME FOR FODAG, PARIS FOR HELMANN

1. STATE/AID CONCERNED THAT DEVELOPING TREND VIS-A-VIS
ASSISTANCE TO GOC AIRLIFT EFFORTS IS VEERING AWAY FROM THE
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STRATEGY WE HAD ORIGINALLY HOPED WAS BEING PURSUED. AID/W
MESSAGES TO DATE HAVE CONSISTENTLY CONVEYED DESIRE THAT A
CONCERTED MULTI-DONOR RESPONSE SHOULD BE ACTIVELY SOUGHT
AND ENCOURAGED. TO THIS END, AID/W APPROVAL OF USG PARTICI-

PATION IN THIS EFFORT WAS INTENDED TO ENABLE EMBASSY/CDO
TAKE INITIATIVE IN RESPONSE TO GOC REQUEST AS EFFORT TO
ENCOURAGE OTHER DONOR PARTICIPATION.

2. STATE/AID STILL DESIRE STRONG PURSUIT THIS STRATEGY IN
EFFORT TO FOSTER AND MAINTAIN INTERNATIONAL APPROACH TO CHAD
RELIEF PROBLEMS AND AVOID PROBLEMS OF PAST. STRONGLY FEEL
THAT IT ESSENTIAL, AT EARLY STAGE IN GAME, FOR DONORS TO
PRESENT COMBINED FRONT TO NEW CHAD REGIME, AND HELP THEM
AVOID PROBLEMS CAUSED BY NON-COORDINATION AND LACK OF OPEN
COOPERATION WHICH PLAGUED PREVIOUS REGIME. NEW GOVERNMENT

OBVIOUSLY INEXPERIENCED AND NOT CONFIDENT OF ITS OWN POSI-
TION. FEEL THAT DONOR COMMUNITY WOULD BE DOING DISSERVICE
TO NEW GOVERNMENT BY RESPONDING TO ITS CURRENT TACTICS IN
POSITIVE MANNER AS WOULD RISK CONVINCING NEW GOVERNMENT
OF CORRECTNESS ITS TACTICS, THEREBY INCREASING LIKELIHOOD
OF CONTINUED DIRECT APPROACHES INDIVIDUAL DONORS.

3. TO ENCOURAGE TRUST, COOPERATION, AND COORDINATION ON
PART OF GOC VIS-A-VIS DONOR COMMUNITY, IT IS ESSENTIAL
THAT NEW GOVERNMENT LEADERS BE PERSUADED NOW THAT THEY
THEMSELVES MUST BE OPEN AND RECIPROCATATE DONOR TRUST. GOC
THUS FAR HAS NOT BEEN FRANK WITH DONOR COMMUNITY, AS
EVIDENCED BY EFFORTS TO HIDE RESPONSE OF FRENCH MILI-
TARY FROM EMBASSY/CDO UNTIL USG ASSISTANCE COMMITTED.

4. EMBASSY/CDO HAS THUS FAR TAKEN CORRECT APPROACH TO GOC
BY ADVISING CHADIANS THAT FURTHER ASSISTANCE WOULD BE CON-
TINGENT UPON QUOTE DEMONSTRATED GOC COOPERATION RE REPORT-
ING AND WILLINGNESS ALLOW CDO PARTICIPATE IN PLANNING AND
EXECUTION PHASES UNQUOTE. IF USG NOW RESPONDS POSITIVELY
TO LATEST GOC REQUEST FOR INCREASED ASSISTANCE IN FACE OF
CONTINUED GOC REFUSAL TO ALLOW ON-SITE INSPECTION (A LA
OLD REGIME) WE WILL HAVE LOST ALL CREDIBILITY CONCERNING
IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO INSPECTION AND REPORTING.

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5. SUGGEST EMBASSY/CDO ENGAGE IN IMMEDIATE CONSULTATION
WITH DONOR COMMUNITY AND FORMULATE CONCERTED RESPONSE TO
GOC'S PRESENT RELIEF REQUIREMENTS. SUGGEST THAT FAO RES
REP ACT IN CAPACITY AS DELEGATION HEAD IN SOLICITING GOC
CLOSE COORDINATION AMONG DONORS.

6. USG WISHES TO BE RESPONSIVE TO NEEDS CHADIAN PEOPLE AND
SMC. USG READY TO CONTINUE WITH OVERALL RELIEF ASSISTANCE
TO CHAD BUT STRONGLY DESIRES TO AVOID PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED
WITH ASSISTANCE TO TOMBALBAYE REGIME. BELIEVE ON SITE
INSPECTION IS NECESSARY TO INSURE ASSISTANCE IS BEING
EFFECTIVELY UTILIZED.

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